REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	Chobits Episodes 5-8: Chi Finds, Chi Weakens, Chi Works, Chi Bewildered
Other Known Title:	Chobits Disc 2 The Empty City
Format:	DVD
Director/Author:	Morio Asaka
Producer/Publisher:	Tetsuo Gensho
Country of Origin:	Japan
Language:	English, Japanese, with English subtitles
Applicant:	The Chief Censor of Film and Literature
Distributor:	Gamewizz Digital Entertainment
Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.
Descriptive Note:	Contains sexual themes.
Display Conditions:	Nil
Date of entry in Register:	17 August 2006
Date of direction to issue a label:	16 August 2006
OFLC No:	601207

Unexcised version of publication:

	Component	Running time
Menu:	Play All Episode Selection Setup Extras	
Feature:	Chobits Episodes 5-8: Chi Finds, Chi Weakens, Chi Works, Chi Bewildered	98.39
Other timed components:	Non-Credit Opening Madman Propaganda	1.30 6.16

Other components:	Copyright Warning / Madman Entertainment / Pioneer Notices Art Gallery DVD Credits	
Total running time:		106.25

Excisions: No Excisions Recommended

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The DVD entitled *Chobits Episodes 5-8: Chi Finds, Chi Weakens, Chi Works, Chi Bewildered* is classified as:
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The publication is a DVD containing four episodes of a Japanese animated series. The series deals with the themes of sexual morality and innocence, and particularly focuses on a young man's embarrassment and trepidation about women's nudity and the idea of intimacy. Some graphics in the animé are intended to be mildly titillating to male viewers, particularly the sexualised images of female persocoms (personal computers in the form of humans). This sexual content tends to draw attention to the only sexual conduct in the DVD, which involves an unscrupulous character trying to exploit a naïve persocom.

To understand and engage in the DVD's story, viewers require some maturity and knowledge of sex, women's bodies, and young men's sexual feelings. Children do not have this maturity or knowledge and are likely to be left feeling confused and disturbed by some of the DVD's mature content. For teenagers, however, any impact of this sexual content is likely to be outweighed by the dominant effect of the publication which is gentle and fun, with a comic edge.

Preventing persons under the age of 13 from seeing the DVD will minimise injury to the public good without interfering with the freedom of expression, as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, to any great extent, as the publication is not intended for this younger age group.